

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (currently amended) A method performed by one or more devices, comprising:
receiving a plurality of search queries from a user;
creating a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by one of the plurality of search queries;
receiving an indication from the user specifying a number of news items to include in at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections;
retrieving items of news content from memory using the plurality of search queries; and
inserting selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to the specified number of news items, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
retrieving updated items of news content from the memory using the plurality of search queries; and
periodically inserting the selected items of news content of the updated items of news content, corresponding to the specified number of news items, into the at least one of the

plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the items of news content are retrieved from a plurality of news source servers and aggregated via a news aggregation service in the memory.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the customized news document is hosted at a news aggregation server that further hosts the news aggregation service.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the customized news document is hosted at a server that is remote from a news aggregation server that hosts the news aggregation service.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
notifying the user of the updated items of news content.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein notifying the user of the updated items of news content comprises notifying the user via at least one of a page, an e-mail, a FAX, and a telephone call.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

registering the customized news document with a registry; and
providing access for other users to the customized news document via the registry.

31. (Previously presented) A news aggregation server, comprising:
 - a memory configured to store instructions and news content; and
 - a processing unit configured to execute the instructions in memory to:
 - obtain a plurality of search queries from a user,
 - create a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by one of the plurality of search queries,
 - retrieve items of news content from the memory using the plurality of search queries,
 - receive an indication from the user specifying a manner of ranking news items within one of the plurality of personalized news sections,
 - rank, based on the user specified manner of ranking news items, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content in a ranked order, and
 - insert the selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content in the ranked order into the one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

32-38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) A system, comprising:
- means for receiving a plurality of search queries from a user;
- means for creating a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by one of the plurality of search queries;
- means for receiving an indication from the user specifying a number of news items to include in at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections;
- means for retrieving items of news content from a plurality of sources of news content using the plurality of search queries; and
- means for inserting selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding the specified number of news items, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

40. (currently amended) A method performed by one or more devices, comprising:
- dividing a news document into a plurality of news sections;
- receiving a first search query and a second search query;
- receiving an indication from a user specifying a manner of ranking news items within a first news section of the plurality of news sections;
- searching news content based on the first search query to obtain a first set of related news items;
- ranking, based on the user specified manner of ranking news items, the first set of related news items in a ranked order;

searching the news content based on the second search query to obtain a second set of related news items;

populating the first news section of the plurality of news sections with the first set of related news items in the ranked order; and

populating a second news section of the plurality of news sections with the second set of related news items.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the first and second search queries are received from a user via a network.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the first and second search queries are selected by a user from a list of search queries.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the list of search queries comprises search queries previously used by the user to search the news content.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
receiving an indication from a user specifying a number of news items to include in the first news section,
wherein populating the first news section comprises obtaining the number of news items from the first set of related news items.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
receiving an indication from a user specifying one or more preferences for certain kinds
of news sources for the news content,
wherein searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on
the one or more preferences.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein ranking, based on the user
specified manner of ranking news items, the first set of related news items in a ranked order
comprises:

receiving selected keywords from the user; and
boosting selected news items of the first set of related news items higher in the ranked
order when the selected news items contain one or more of the selected keywords.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
receiving an indication from a user specifying preferences for journalists who author
news items of the news content,
wherein searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on
the user-specified preferences for journalists.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
receiving an indication from a user specifying preferences for genres of news among
the news content,
wherein searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on
the user specified preferences for genres of news.
50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
deleting the first news section from the news document based on an instruction received
from a user.
51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
labeling, on the news document, the first news section with a first label related to the
first search query.
52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 51, further comprising:
labeling, on the news document, the second news section with a second label related to
the second search query.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the first and second search queries are received from a user and further comprising:
providing the news document to the user.

54. (Currently amended) A method performed by one or more devices, comprising:
aggregating news content from a plurality of news source servers;
dividing a web page into a plurality of news sections;
receiving a personalized search query from a user;
receiving an indication from the user specifying a number of news items to include in
[[the]] a first news section;
searching the aggregated news content based on the personalized search query to obtain
a first set of related news items; and
populating only [[a]] the first news section of the plurality of news sections of the web
page with a number of the first set of related news items corresponding to the user specified
number of news items.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the personalized search query
is received from the user via a network.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the personalized search query
is selected by the user from a list of search queries.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the list of search queries comprises search queries previously used by the user to search the news content.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising:
receiving an indication from the user specifying one or more preferences for certain kinds of news sources for the news content,
wherein searching the news content based on the personalized search query is further based on the one or more preferences.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising:
receiving an indication from the user that specifies a manner for ranking news content within the first news section; and
ranking news items of the first set of related news items in a rank order based on the specified manner for ranking.

60. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising:
receiving selected keywords from the user; and
ranking selected news items of the first set of related news items based on the selected keywords.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising:
 - receiving an indication from the user specifying preferences for journalists who author news items of the news content,
 - wherein searching the news content based on the personalized search query is further based on the user-specified preferences for journalists.
62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising:
 - receiving an indication from the user specifying preferences for genres of news among the news content,
 - wherein searching the news content based on the personalized search query is further based on the user specified preferences for genres of news.
63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising:
 - providing the web page to the user.
64. (currently amended) A method performed by one or more devices, comprising:
 - crawling, using a web robot, news content documents hosted by a plurality of news source servers;
 - fetching news content from the crawled news content documents;
 - indexing the fetched news content to produce indexed news content;
 - dividing a news document into a plurality of news sections;

receiving a first user search query;
searching the indexed news content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news items; and
populating only a first news section of the plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related news items.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the news document comprises a web page.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
obtaining a second set of related news items from the fetched news content; and
populating a second news section of the plurality of news sections of the news document with the second set of related news items, wherein the second news section is different than the first news section.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
receiving a second user search query;
searching the indexed news content based on the second user search query to obtain a second set of related news items; and
populating only a second news section of the plurality of news sections of the news document with the second set of related news items.

68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
 - crawling, using a web robot, news content documents hosted by a plurality of news source servers;
 - fetching news content from the crawled news content documents; and
 - indexing the fetched news content to produce indexed news content stored in the memory,
 - wherein retrieving items of news content from memory comprises:
 - searching the indexed news content based on the plurality of search queries to retrieve the items of news content.